

Mrs. Sweetin Also Displays Failing Memory in Court

Woman Defendant in Alleged Love Pact Poison Case Cannot Recall Details of Her Confession.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 15.—An alleged confession made by Mrs. Elsie Sweetin of her part in the murder by poison of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, made to a Chicago newspaper reporter, was permitted to go to the jury today by Judge J. C. Kern after Mrs. Sweetin had taken the stand a few minutes to testify she was in a confused mental state at the time.

Mrs. Sweetin testified she remembered little that happened at the time she was alleged to have made the confession to poisoning her husband, for whose murder she is on trial with Lawrence M. Hight, former Ina (Ill.) lady.

Robert Smith, her attorney, opposed introduction of the confession on the ground that she was influenced by Hight when she was ill to take a share of the blame to save them both from lynching.

Mrs. Sweetin, testifying in the presence of the jury, said she had no recollection of an interview with Miss Sarah P. Lewis, the Chicago newspaper reporter, and that she had never seen her until the opening of the trial.

The purpose of this testimony, Mrs. Sweetin's attorney said, was not to question the truthfulness of Miss Lewis but to show Mrs. Sweetin's condition of mind at the time was such that she had forgotten the interview.

There was a stir in the courtroom when Attorney Smith had announced "Elsie Sweetin may take the stand." Mrs. Sweetin, who had laid aside the hat she had been wearing throughout the trial, stepped briskly to the witness stand. Speaking distinctly she gave her name and said she was 32 years old. She said she had seen Miss Lewis in the courtroom.

"Do you have any recollection of ever having seen her before?" asked her attorney.

"I have not," answered Mrs. Sweetin, looking at the Chicago newspaper woman.

Mrs. Sweetin said she had been under the care of a physician before her arrest and later had been taken to the Salem (Ill.) jail by a physician and nurse.

Dr. S. A. Thompson corroborated this statement and said Mrs. Sweetin was nervous, but aware of what she was doing and saying.

INJURED HUNTER'S ARM AMPUTATED

Wymore, Dec. 15.—Henry Nelberding, 15, son of Frank Nelberding, farmer living just over the Kansas line south of here, lost his left forearm as the result of a hunting accident. Young Nelberding, with school companions, was attempting to scale a steep embankment, carrying a shotgun. The lad slipped and started to slide down the incline and his gun caught on a twig and was accidentally discharged. The bones of the hand, wrist and forearm were shattered, necessitating amputation.

McCool Wins District Honors in Lighting Essay Contest

York, Dec. 15.—Five McCool writers took all prizes in the home lighting essay contest in the McCool district of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company. The first district prize was a chest of silver, and the second a 12-piece ivory dresser set.

Of 400 essays submitted in York district many were thrown out because writers failed to follow instructions. Of the 49 written according to the rules laid down, Helen Osentowski took first place, winning a fountain pen. Marvin Patterson won the second prize, a silver pencil.

26 Columbus Students Awarded Honorary Letters

Columbus, Dec. 15.—Twenty-six Columbus high school students were awarded honorary letters "C" and a number of others received reserve memberships and honorable mentions for participation in gridiron and cross-country run activities during the fall season.

Aged Farmer Charges Palmtag "Forced" \$452 Bank Roll on Him

Detective Fred Palmtag was about to get into his automobile Saturday. An aged man with all the earmarks of being a wealthy farmer was looking heavenward in front of police headquarters.

"What is it you want?" queried Palmtag. "I want a chief of police, a captain, sergeant or some big officer," said the farmer. "I've been robbed."



Palmtag's ears stood up. "What, you've been robbed in this town?" said the detective. "Can't believe it." Palmtag put the man into his car and the two drove around town looking for the woman that stole \$425.

The stranger said it was near the Royal hotel but when Palmtag told him there wasn't a Royal but a Loyal, the man said it was near Fifteenth and Davenport streets.

Palmtag found the house and after an investigation was told that no one had robbed the man. Palmtag began to search him.

Into a small side pocket went Palmtag's slim fingers. He pulled out a purse. In it was money. He counted \$452.

"What about this money?" asked Palmtag. "You can't fool me," replied the aged man. I'm too smart for you."

"You don't want to insinuate that I put \$452 in your pocket?" said Palmtag.

"I don't mean anything else," said the farmer, convinced that the detective was playing a joke on him.

"Well, that's the funniest experience I've had since I have been on the force," said Palmtag.

Irrigators Urge Fish Protection

Bridgeport, Dec. 15.—F. A. Dutton of Oshkosh, former first vice president of the Nebraska State Irrigation association, was advanced to the position of president at the annual convention here.

C. B. Manuel of Kearney was elected first vice president, and J. D. Heywood of Crawford, second vice president. Mark Spangole of Bridgeport was elected treasurer, and R. H. Willis of Bridgeport, secretary.

Resolutions were adopted urging people of the state to use Nebraska made sugar; favoring guarding of water users against encroachments of private power companies; urging planting of more fruit and shade trees and the reforestation of denuded lands; appealing for protection for game fish now in the rivers and the restocking of some streams with fish; favoring a 2-cent per gallon tax on gasoline to be used for road improvements and reduction of the license tax; endorsing R. H. Willis for appointment as chief of the state irrigation bureau; endorsing R. L. Cochran for appointment as state engineer; asking for an appropriation from the legislature of \$500 for publishing proceedings of the convention; asking an appropriation of \$2,000 for the biennial period for paying for irrigation instruction in the state and commending President Coolidge, Congressman Simmons and other congressmen. Secretary Work and Dr. Meade for efforts in behalf of the relief reclamation bill.

The legislative committee suggested some changes in laws directly affecting irrigation projects. Among these were: Adding another option to the plan for issuing and paying bonds that will allow semi-annual payments after two years; permission for irrigation districts to issue funding bonds in payment of warrants; simplification of methods of putting into force means of building and maintaining laterals by companies, where owners fail to do this work; allowing payment of 50 per cent of the tax due before the land is sold for taxes, and after it becomes due; setting definite dates for running water for irrigation purposes and other dates for filling reservoirs; and allowing no taxes on education land sold until the deed has been issued, but taxing the improvements on same.

S. G. Hopkins, the river commissioner of Wyoming; D. E. Carpenter, river commissioner of Colorado; State Engineer Emerson of Wyoming, and A. N. Mathers, speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives, addressed the meeting at its closing session. There was an average of more than 100 delegates present at each session during the three days, and 60 irrigation projects were represented in the delegates.

County Roads Reopened

Callaway, Dec. 15.—Roads in this section of the state are being cleared up and in a few days will be in good condition. Most of the snow has melted.

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No Change in Plan for Labor Leader's Funeral Services

Official in Charge Declares Samuel Gompers Will Be Buried on Thursday, as First Announced.

(Continued From Page One.) heads, who left the capitol to meet it in a body at Cincinnati, the funeral party will proceed to the Elks club on West Forty-third street, with a screen of mounted and motorcycle police to clear the way.

The body of Gompers will lie in state in the great lodge room of the fraternal order for 24 hours, beginning at 8 a. m. that morning.

The funeral services at the clubhouse will start Thursday morning at 9, according to Frayne. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue will direct the Jewish religious service. After James Duncan, first vice president American Federation of Labor, bids labor's farewell to its veteran leader, and the ceremony is concluded with the Masonic ritual, the cortege will proceed to Tayritown by automobiles.

Pallbearers Incomplete. Frayne said it was the wish of the American Federation of Labor that the observants throughout should be marked with spirit, not of a labor funeral, but of a "funeral of Samuel Gompers, citizen, statesman, and leader of the American people."

The list of honorary pallbearers has been designated accordingly, Frayne said. With others still to be added, the list was in part:

Honorary pallbearers: Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state; William H. Taft, chief justice of supreme court; Maj. Gen. R. E. Bullard, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral C. F. Plunkett, U. S. N.; Governor Alfred E. Smith; Lieutenant Governor Linn B. Beard; Mayor John F. Hylan of New York; United States Senator Royal S. Copeland; Edward J. Henning, assistant secretary of labor; Commissioner of Immigration Henry Curran.

George W. Perkins, John H. Finley, John R. Alpine, R. M. Baruch, Will H. Hays, Oscar Strauss, Samuel Untermyer, George Goethals, Gerard Root, George L. Roberts, Samuel McRoberts, Judge John H. Clark, William H. Short, Everett Colby, Bainbridge Colby, Owen D. Young, Seymour Cromwell, Dwight Morrow, Stephen F. Voorhees, Bert L. Penner, Ronald Taylor, John Morrison, Harry M. Moness, John F. Downey, George W. Wickersham, Charles Steiwe, Samuel McCune Lindsay, Adolph Lewisohn, Henry W. Taft, John Hays Hammond, Frank Vanderlip, Cleveland H. Dodge, John R. Voorhies, Dr. J. R. Curran, Morgan J. O'Brien, Nicholas F. Brady, Haley Fiske, E. K. Hall, Harry N. Taylor.

Delegations from Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and many other cities notified Frayne today of their coming for the ceremonies. In New York flags on state and municipal buildings will be at half-staff. All labor halls throughout the metropolitan area will be draped in black.

BROTHERS FACE MANY CHARGES

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee, Shenandoah, Va., Dec. 15.—After two weeks' legal battle Sheriff R. J. McCurdy and George Anderson, county attorney, returned to Shenandoah from Deridder, La., with Carl and Eloff Weststrand, brothers, wanted on numerous charges in Page and Fremont counties. Carl Weststrand, former attorney, who was disbarred, is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses and his brother with larceny by embezzlement.

State Teachers' College Debate Teams Selected

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 15.—Fourteen students at the State Teachers' college here were sufficiently interested to try out for the debate teams. Kearney High school was well represented by former students, and Homer Morrow, '24, made first place. Other students who will make up the two teams are Homer McConnell of Ravenna, Jack Devos of Lebanon, Margaret Yoder of Elm Creek, Kermit Jackson of Mason City, and Matt Wigton of Kearney.

The judges for the tryouts were Robert Huston, a practicing attorney of this city; Katharine Neptune, assistant librarian, and Carl Skinner, department of teacher training, both of the teachers college.

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Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The wise to danger give most heed. When there appears to be least need. —Lightfoot the Deer.

Lightfoot Uses His Ears. Lightfoot the Deer lay hidden in a little clump of young hemlock trees on the top of a little hill in the Green Forest. He was resting but not sleeping. He lay with his nose pointed toward the direction from which the Merry Little Breezes were coming. Each one Lightfoot carefully tested with that wonderful nose of his. Each one brought many scents, some of



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them strong and some of them very faint. But none brought the scent that meant danger. None brought the man scent.

It was the hunting season. Lightfoot knew it. How he knew it he couldn't have said, but he did know it. He had seen no hunters with terrible guns, but he knew that they had been in the Green Forest looking for him and that they would come again. He knew that from the time jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun began his daily climb up in the blue, blue sky until he went to bed behind the purple hills hunters would be in the Green Forest. It would be so every day until the dreadful hunting season was over.

So Lightfoot roamed about and ate at night, and in the daytime lay hidden as he now was. He always lay facing the direction from which the Merry Little Breezes were coming, for he knew he could trust them to bring him the man scent if a hunter were approaching from that direction. But his wonderful nose and the Merry Little Breezes could protect him only from the one direction.

For warning of danger from other directions he must depend on his big, wonderful ears. And so as he lay there he was listening for every little sound. No sound was too faint to be heard.

For a long time nothing happened. Then back of him, far back of him in the Green Forest, he heard a faint roar. Instantly Lightfoot was on his feet, facing in that direction. He knew that that roar was made by the stout wings of Mrs. Grouse. He had heard it many, many times. He also

knew that she flew in just that way only when she had been startled. Some one had frightened her. It might have been Reddy Fox or Old Man Coyote. But it might have been a hunter. So Lightfoot was suspicious.

He pointed his ears in that direction and listened and listened. For a few moments he heard no other sound. Then he heard a faint thump. "That was the danger signal of Jumper the Hare," thought Lightfoot. "Whoever frightened Mrs. Grouse has now frightened Jumper. Whoever frightened them is now coming this way, for Jumper was nearer than was Mrs. Grouse."

He remained motionless save that those big ears moved now and then to better catch the faint sounds of the early morning. His big, soft eyes watched for any little movement. Presently Sammy Jay began to scream over on the opposite hillside. Lightfoot's ears twitched, and his eyes seemed to grow a little bigger. When Sammy Jay screamed like that it meant just one thing—a hunter. Still Lightfoot remained standing there perfectly motionless. He knew that he was well hidden. He did not want to run until he knew exactly where the danger was.

A tiny, dry twig snapped. It was such a faint sound that you or I wouldn't have heard it. But Lightfoot heard it. He fixed his eyes on the place from which it had come. In a moment he saw some branches move ever so little. Then he saw the face of a hunter peering through them. Without a sound Lightfoot turned, crept under the branches of the little trees and stole swiftly and silently away.

The next story: "Lightfoot Plays a Simple Trick."

Holt Fair Association Re-Elects Old Officers

O'Neill, Dec. 15.—President A. J. Hahn of Stuart, Vice President Jacob Hirsch of O'Neill and Secretary Treasurer John L. Quig of O'Neill were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Holt County Fair association. Mr. Quig has been secretary for five years and in that time the exhibits have increased from a total of 440 to 6,460. Fifty show cattle, five dairy heads, 450 hogs and 1,000 head of poultry were in the livestock exhibits this year.

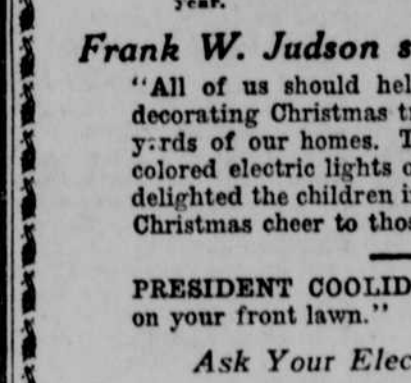
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